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FOR SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

1. DURING MY RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AMBASSADOR ORFILA STATED THAT HE HAD OFFICIALLY INVITED YOU TO VISIT ARGENTINA AND ATTEND THE 27TH INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION DURING THE PERIOD JULY 24-27. IN VIEW OF PRESENT INTERNATIONAL MEAT TRADE PROBLEMS AND THE US CONCERN REGARDING THE EC CURRENT MEASURES IN THE BEEF SECTOR AND THEIR REPERCUSSION IN THIRD-COUNTRY MARKETS INCLUDING THE US, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU ACCEPT THE INVITATION.

2. I AM NOT UNMINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS MAY TRAVEL A BUMPY ROAD AS SOME OF OUR PROBLEMS COME TO A HEAD. NEVERTHELESS I AM CONVINCED THAT A VISIT BY YOU AT THIS TIME WOULD BE MOST OPPORTUNE AND CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR MUTUAL AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN THIS MOST SENSITIVE AREA.

3. SINCE YOU WILL BE AN OFFICIAL GUEST GOA WILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR YOU AT ALL TIMES.

4. AN EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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